

REMARKS

I. Support for the Amendments

Claims 1-25 were originally in the application. Claims 1-20 were elected by the Applicants in the Response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, and the compound H-Ala₁₀-Lys-OH was elected.

In the Office Action, mailed 25 February 2004, the Examiner withdrew claims 21-25 from consideration, as well as claims 2, 4-6, 8, 14, and 20, which were alleged not to read upon the elected compound. The Examiner examined claims 1, 3, 7, 9-13, and 15-19 on the merits.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 14, and 20-25 are non-elected claims withdrawn without prejudice to pursuing them in an appropriate divisional or continuation application. In the Amendment filed August 25, 2004, claims 1, 11-13, and 15-18 were amended, and new claims 26-73 were added.

In the present Supplemental Amendment, claim 30 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9-13, 15-19, and 26-73 are presently in the application.

Support for amended claim 30 can be found in the original specification and claims, particularly in the original language of claim 1 as filed.

Additional support for amended claim 30 can be found, e.g., from page 8, line 17, to page 10, line 13; at page 11, lines 22-26; from page 12, line 12, to page 13, line 9; at page 13, lines 11-23; at page 31, lines 6-24; from page 15, lines 17, to page 17, line 1; at page 17, lines 15-22; at page 21, lines 8-14; from page 23, line 16, to page 24, line 3; at page 31, lines 6-24; at page 34, lines 6-8 and lines 17-18; and in the Examples.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-25 were originally in the application. Claims 1-25 were subject to an election/restriction requirement, and Group I (claims 1-20) and the compound H-Ala₁₀-Lys-OH were elected with traverse. In the Office Action, mailed 25 February 2004, the Examiner withdrew claims 21-25 from consideration, as well as claims 2, 4-6, 8, 14, and 20, which were alleged not to read upon the elected compound. The Examiner examined claims 1, 3, 7, 9-13, and 15-19 on the merits.

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III. Amendment of Claim 30

In reviewing the Amendment filed August 25, 2004, Applicants have noted a minor technical language inconsistency in claim 30 and have amended claim 30 accordingly. The amendment is of a technical nature. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendment, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendment accordingly.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that no additional extension of time is required. If, however, a petition for an additional extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an additional extension of time. Although it is not believed that any fee is required, in addition to the fee submitted herewith, to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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